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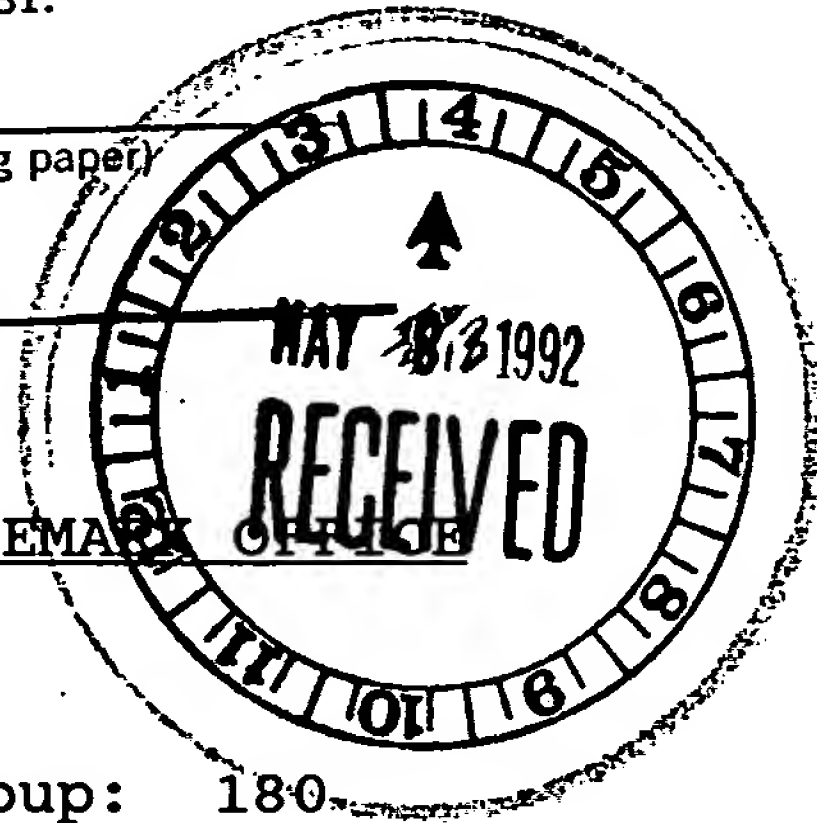
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR SECTIONS 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

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Sir:

The accompanying PTO Form 1449 is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, directing Applicants to submit literature and information that may be considered material to the examination of the claims of an application. Applicants respectfully point out that the "filing of an information disclosure statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in Section 1.56(b)" [37 CFR Section 1.97(h)]; and that an information disclosure statement filed in accordance with 37 CFR Section 1.97 "shall not

Further identification of any document herein is not intended to be, and, Applicants respectfully submit, should not be construed as being, an admission that such a document, in fact, constitutes "prior art" within the meaning of the applicable laws, since, for example, a given document may have a later effective date than at first seems apparent, or the document may have an effective date which can be antedated. For example, no publication dates, if any, have been established for the abstracts with UCRL numbers cited at the end of the attached PTO Form 1449. Those abstracts had been prepared for submission to external meetings and were subjected to internal review at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). The LLNL Technical Information Department (TID) that provides editorial review of manuscripts and abstracts assigned the abstracts the cited UCRL numbers as part of the department's record keeping. TID does not have records of whether any of the abstracts were actually published or not. Applicants respectfully conclude on this point that the "prior art" status of any document is a matter to be resolved during prosecution.

Thus, Applicants respectfully conclude that the citation of references herein is not intended to be an admission that any of the references are considered to be material or to constitute prior art, or that any of the references either alone or in combination with any other references would be sufficient

to render any of the claims of the above-identified patent application unpatentable.

Respectfully submitted,

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